

## ACTIVITIES OF GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS HERE LEAD WAR DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER CALL ON DISTRICT TROOPS FOR LOCAL GUARD DUTY

### JOY-RIDING AT THE FRONT WITH BERNARD SHAW

The Playwright Describes His Experiences in His Own Inimitable Way.

### A CHANGE IN VIEWPOINT

Years After Writing "Arms and the Man" He Finds He Is a Sportsman.

This is the first of a series of three articles by Mr. Shaw on "Joy Riding at the Front." The second article will appear next Saturday.

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Not long before the war, I was returning from Germany through Voeges, not tied to time in any way and pleasing myself as to my route. I took Domremont on my way for the sake of St. Joan of Arc, and Rheims for the sake of its dateless unique French sculpture, especially a Virgin whom I intended some day to put into a play.

I spent an evening in a French garrison town, and reflected, not for the first time (for my tour had taken me through Toul and its warlike frontier region at its outset), on the combination of hard-beaten efficiency, and sudden readiness and dangerousness, with an extraordinary recklessness of everything else, including appearance, exhibited by the French army in peace times.

They never brushed their clothes; they never cleaned their horses or their weapons or their guns. They said that a Frenchman is never clean and always ready, implying unmistakably that an Englishman is always clean and never ready.

### Compared Them With Germans.

I compared them with the endless column of German soldiers I had seen not long before one morning in Trier (Treves) flowing down the street to a sentimental German tune in a march that was almost a dance, so prettily they swung their bodies to it.

The convention is that the Frenchman is a born dancer and the German a stiffened, overdrilled ramrod-swallower; but here was the German, witty and musical, and the Frenchman brusque, contemptuous of the graces, doing everything with a jerk and a snap, as if there were nothing in the world to be considered except getting it done.

### Paid Dearly for Laziness.

As for ourselves, I could not think about us at all. We are so outrageously thoughtless that we defy thought. We should have been working as hard at our military business as the French and Germans were, but we would not listen to a word about them, and were quite content to take frightful chances. We have had our usual luck with them, but we have not deserved it from the military point of view, and, indeed, have not got off without paying dearly for our laziness.

At Rheims it occurred to me that I had never seen Ypres, and that I had a Belgian triptych in my pocket. So, instead of making straight for Boulogne, I turned north, through Ham, Bapaume, Arras, Lille and Ypres, little knowing that it was my last chance of seeing them as they were.

### PLEASED BY RETREAT

Kaiser Sends Congratulations to Hindenburg and Others.

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Kaiser William has telegraphed congratulations to Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the King of Bavaria, and Crown Prince Rupprecht for their successful withdrawal on the western front.

### POLICE SEEK U-BOAT NEST.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 24.—Mysterious maneuvering by the water front police off Brandt Island and No-Man's Land early today started rumors that a German submarine base had been found off the coast. Reports of strange vessels turned in by fishermen started the police on a thorough search.

### URGES CONSCRIPTION TO SAVE GIRLS

Many and varied are the arguments advanced to President Wilson for universal military service in the United States.

For example, one Harvard student wired today that such service should be started "to prevent unpatriotic fellows from landing all the choice girls while the patriotic men are serving their country."

The boys, the student said, who are long on piano playing and short on response to calls from their country will get girls because they stay at home—girls who otherwise might wish to marry those who are called away.

### FORM CENTRAL GARDENS BOARD

Representatives of Many Civic Organizations Arrange Correlation of Efforts.

After many months of effort on the part of women anxious to see Washington turned into a model garden city, a central committee was formed yesterday at the Jefferson School, Fifth and E streets southwest, to direct the efforts of amateur gardeners and to correlate the various gardening organizations of the city.

The meeting, over which Mrs. Anna Beers, president, was the most enthusiastic yet held. About two hundred men and women, representing civic and social organizations in all parts of the city, listened or took part in the discussion.

Announcement was made that H. M. Conolly, an expert of the Department of Agriculture, has been appointed by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman, to co-operate with the committee formed yesterday.

Mr. Conolly will devote his entire time to the District, and will be ready at all times to give advice and instruction. He has been with the Department of Agriculture for more than four years. Before he came to Washington he was engaged in farming.

Commissioner of Immigration A. Caminetti has agreed to set aside a room in the Department of Labor which will be for the exclusive use of the organization formed yesterday. A secretary will be appointed and the work of the entire organization will be directed from that place.

### Room Set Aside.

The committee elected to take charge of the organization is composed, in part, of the following: E. L. Thurston, superintendent of Schools; G. A. Lyon, Miss Markley, of Noel House; Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, Mrs. Charles W. Wetmore, O. H. Benson, of the Department of Agriculture; John Ralph, R. P. Andrews, Mrs. Beers, John Rothman, of the Department of the Interior; Charles Nesbitt, Commissioner of Immigration.

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### ATTACKS THE KAISER

Socialist Member of Reichstag Says Emperor and Chancellor Began War.

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Thursday's debate in the German Reichstag was featured by a bitter attack on Kaiser Wilhelm and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg as those who originated the war, and a Socialist demonstration lauding Russia's throwing off of the yoke of autocracy, according to word received here today.

### TANZER JURY DISMISSED

Deliberated Perjury Charge Against Woman for 67 Hours.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The jury in the perjury trial of Rae Tanzer was discharged today by Judge Van Fleet in the United States district court, after it had deliberated for sixty-seven hours without reaching a verdict.

### RUSSIANS GIVE GROUND.

PETROGRAD, March 24.—"Under enemy pressure, we retired two-thirds of a mile between the rivers Sulcha and Chvanich," declared today's official statement.

### 39 ARE DEAD IN STORM'S WAKE; 1,000 HOMELESS

Second Tornado in Fortnight Sweeps Indiana, Spending Fury at New Albany.

### 150 PERSONS ARE INJURED

Believed Ten to Thirty Bodies Remain Buried in Debris. Loss Is \$2,000,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 24.—Thirty-nine persons known dead, nearly 150 injured, and property loss of \$2,000,000 was today the toll of the tornado which swept across southern Indiana late yesterday. The storm spent its fury at New Albany, where thirty-four bodies were recovered. In addition 100 were injured, and \$1,500,000 damage was done to property. Three hundred homes were destroyed and 1,000 are homeless.

This is the second disastrous cyclone to visit Indiana within a fortnight, a storm on March 11 having claimed a toll of twenty-five dead and fifty injured at Newcastle. At that time 250 homes were destroyed and property was damaged to the extent of \$1,000,000.

Reports today showed many deaths and heavy damage over a wide territory from yesterday's storm, as follows:

Holman, one dead, two injured, property loss of \$10,000.

Jeffersonville, one dead, three injured, several homes razed.

Sullivan county, two dead, fifteen hurt, twenty homes in ruins and \$500,000 property loss.

Hendricks county, one injured, twenty homes destroyed, and \$500,000 damage.

District north of Decatur, five injured, \$75,000 damage to farm buildings.

Delaware county, one injured, \$7,000 property loss.

Howard county, two injured, \$1,000 property loss.

Corydon county, twenty injured, twenty homes damaged and loss of \$10,000.

Flat Rock, Ill., one killed, three injured and loss of \$6,000.

### Thousand Without Shelter.

Three hundred homes were destroyed and 1,000 persons were without shelter. The devastated district, including about one-third of the city, is a half-mile wide and two miles long.

Martial law was in effect today. Two companies of the national guard ordered out by the governor arrived this morning. They had orders to shoot on sight in case of looting. One other company was on the way.

Practically all of the homeless were cared for during the night. Fires broke out frequently, one destroying three houses.

Hospitals were crowded to overflowing with the injured, who were being cared for by nurses and physicians from Louisville. Many of them were in a serious condition, and physicians said the death toll from those in the hospitals would reach fifteen.

Many bodies may still be buried in the debris. No thorough search could be made of the district during the night. Estimates were that from ten to thirty bodies were still to be found.

On account of the limited hospital facilities, it was planned to transfer many of the injured to Louisville.

### Workmenmen Sufferers.

Relief work was well under way today. The Indianapolis Red Cross had taken over the details. J. J. O'Connor, director of the central division of the Red Cross, arrived here to make a survey of the situation and arrange to raise the needed funds. Many cities already have offered aid and relief funds were being started.

The tornado came down on the city from the northwest. It followed an afternoon of light showers. The district of the city struck was where workmenmen live. Within a few seconds the entire district was in ruins.

### THREE COMPANIES RESPOND

Few Bid for Contract to Make Destroyers for U. S.

Only three shipbuilding corporations responded to the Navy Department's call for bids for construction of the fifteen authorized destroyers, in bids opened this afternoon.

### U.S. WITHDRAWS WHITLOCK FROM POST IN BELGIUM

Charges German Government With Faithlessness as Regards Promises.

### ABANDONS RELIEF WORK

State Department Announces All Concerned With Movement Are Coming Out.

Charging the German Government with utter faithlessness as regards past promises to the United States, the State Department today announced the withdrawal of Brand Whitlock from his post as American minister to Belgium.

At the same time the department announced the abandonment of American relief work in Belgium, and declared that arrangements have been made for the departure from Belgium of the American relief workers.

Mr. Whitlock, with members of his legation staff, have been directed to take up official residence at Havre, France. All American consuls and consular officers in the German occupied portions of Belgium have also been ordered out. The relief work will be taken over by Holland.

### Submitted to Restrictions.

The statement issued by the department in explanation of the withdrawal of Mr. Whitlock declares that the minister, as well as the American members of the relief commission, "have submitted to restrictions imposed upon them by the German authorities which, under ordinary conditions, would never have been tolerated."

It sets forth that immediately after the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany "the German authorities in Brussels withdrew from Mr. Whitlock the diplomatic privileges and immunities which he had until that time enjoyed. His courier service to the Hague was stopped; he was denied the privilege of communicating with the Department of State in cipher, and later even in plain language."

### Stayed as Long as Possible.

In spite of these restrictions and the annoyances heaped by the German authorities upon the American members of the commission, the department announced, it was the determination of the American Government to keep up the relief work as long as possible, in order that the 10,000,000 destitute Belgian civilians behind the German lines might be fed.

"Now, however," the statement continues, "a more serious difficulty has arisen. In the course of the past ten days several of the commission's ships have been attacked without warning by German submarines in flagrant violation of international law."

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### LANSING GIVES UP COACH

Veteran Coachman Ousted by Change to Automobile.

John Barry, for forty years head coachman for the Secretary of State, today is without a job.

Secretary Lansing has discarded the traditional State Department carriage. Now a magnificent twelve-cylinder motor car awaits him.

John knows horses, but he can't drive a motor car. A younger man will take his place. But John will be taken care of on the department rolls, officials said.

### EGG FETE UP TO WILSON

He Will Personally Decide On Question of Easter Rolling.

President Wilson personally will decide whether egg-rolling by children on the White House grounds shall be forbidden this year because the grounds have been closed to the public since the international situation became acute. It was said today that no definite decision has been reached, and an announcement may not be made for several days.

If it can be safely arranged, it is believed, the President would like to permit the usual egg-rolling festival. Possibly it will be provided that the egg-rolling shall be conducted by the youngsters on a restricted area of the White House grounds.

Should it be decided that the grounds must remain closed on Easter Monday the egg rolling may be conducted in Zoological Park, on the Ellipse or some other public space in the District.

### WOMEN FLOCK TO RECRUITING STATIONS HERE

Enlistment Far Exceeds Expectations of Navy Officers in Capital.

### TWO APPLICANTS ACCEPTED

Names of New "Yeowomen" Suppressed at Their Own Request.

With the enlistment of women far exceeding expectations of navy recruiting officers in the District, the big drive of the Navy Department to bring the naval personnel up to war strength continued with renewed activity today. There was an increased number of applicants at all the recruiting stations of Washington.

Women applicants, anxious to display their patriotism, again flocked into the recruiting offices today for information.

A dozen women applied at the old Naval Hospital, at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and two were accepted and enrolled in the naval reserve.

According to the request of the new "yeowomen," the recruiting officers declined to give the names of the recruits.

### Clerical Work.

The two women enlisted today will be assigned to clerical work in the Washington Navy Yard. Those accepted yesterday have been given assignments in the office of Supplies and Accounts in the Navy Department.

Mrs. Mae Howard Cissel, the first District woman to enlist, began work in the office of the paymaster general, room 168, State, War and Navy Building, this morning. Miss Elina Saunders Moulton, the second District woman to enlist, also began work as a clerk in this division.

Vacancies still exist in the Bureau of Navigation and in departments of the navy yard that will be available for women yeomen.

The applicants enter the service under the grade of third-class yeoman, with a monthly wage of \$3 and subsistence of \$2.5 a day. Promotion to second-class yeoman, at \$3.50 and the same subsistence, will be given the women when qualified.

With the spur in the enlistment of women, the recruiting stations at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest today had an increased number of men to apply.

### Three Accepted.

The activity of women also was reflected in the applicants at the army recruiting office at Center Market, where four men applied and were sent to Washington Barracks for examination this morning.

Chief Yeoman J. J. O'Brien, the officer in charge of the navy recruiting station, today assigned two men to the naval exhibit at Lansburgh and Brother, where a model of the battleship Pennsylvania is being shown. The sailors are distributing literature and answering questions about the naval service.

The army recruiting station opened between Seventh and Eighth street in Pennsylvania avenue northwest yesterday, is in charge of First Class Privates C. W. Hunt and A. J. Ryan. The officers are co-operating with the naval station at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest in offering all applicants information about either branch of the service.

### ARRANGE FOR BIG CAMPS

Department Commanders Prepare for Extensive Training.

Department commanders at San Francisco, Chicago, San Antonio, and New York are arranging for extensive camp sites, like the Plattsburg camp, upon which several million dollars will be expended.

It is understood the Western Department site will be a big tract near Monterey, Cal. Money for the camps was appropriated by the last Congress.

2,500 START FOR FLEET.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The first contingent of the 2,500 naval recruits at the Great Lakes training station started for "somewhere in the East" today. There were 250 in the unit. Within a few weeks another assignment of 800 sailors will follow for distribution among the Atlantic fleet battleships.

### ALL STATE TROOPS GONE.

SAN ANTONIO, March 24.—The Mexican border is now clear of all State troops. Transportation officials at Fort Sam Houston announced today the departure of the Thirty-third Michigan Infantry doing the last of the guardmen marked patrol duty along the border.

### SECRET SERVICE MEN WATCH SUSPECTS IN CAPITAL OF NATION

Use of Washington Citizen Soldiers To Patrol Government Property Probable—Search Made For Wireless Plants Violating Neutrality.

With the growing accumulation of evidences of the activity of German agents and sympathizers in Washington, Secretary of War Baker has taken up for serious consideration plans for calling out the District National Guard to protect Government property, while the Department of Justice is preparing for the arrest of anti-American plotters.

Startling disclosures of the work of spies in the Government departments, underground workers among civilians, and widespread activities of suspicious nature have brought about necessity for drastic action.

Present tentative plans of the War Department, learned by The Times today, include placing of heavy artillery guards on the Highway, Aqueduct, and railway bridges, which form the connecting links of Washington from the South and connect the Capital with Fort Myer.

### SHOT AT U-BOAT A WAR SIGNAL

German Papers Say Kaiser Only Awaits Attack to Declare Hostilities.

Sinking of the Norwegian steamer *Ronald*, with George Goldremer, Portland, Ore., sailor aboard, was reported to the State Department today by Ambassador Sharp at Paris.

ZURICH, March 24.—Several German newspapers received here declare that Germany will declare war on the United States just as soon as the first shot is fired at a German U-boat from an American gun.

BERLIN, March 24.—Germany cannot see why America should regard the sinking of the tanker *Healdton* by a German submarine as an "overt act."

Public opinion today agreed with this expression of view in the newspaper *Mittag*, although admitting the possibility that American sentiment against Germany would be increased by destruction of the *Healdton*.

"It was unnecessary that the *Healdton* traverse the blockade area. The vessel could have chosen the open way used by Holland-American steamers."

According to stories told by survivors of the *Healdton*, that vessel actually was in the safety path announced by Germany when she was the victim of an unwarned attack by a German submarine. Dispatches from London yesterday quoted survivors as saying they expected Germany to make just such a denial, but all members of the crew were positive the *Healdton* was in the safety lane.

### PLANS TO CHOOSE RECTOR

Cardinal Gibbons Makes Announcement Regarding St. Patrick's.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Cardinal Gibbons has issued an official announcement regarding the vacant rectorship of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, the position recently given up by Monsignor Russell when he was consecrated Bishop of Charleston, S. C.

The cardinal notifies all those eligible who desire to enter the concursus for the parish to make their application in writing to the chancellor of the archdiocese on or before Monday.

The date and place of the concursus afterward will be made known to those whom permission to enter is granted.

### SENATOR LEWIS IN HOSPITAL.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois has gone to the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital for an operation. Since the campaign he has been troubled by an affection of the ear.

### HOME FROM EXILE.

PETROGRAD, March 24.—Mme. Breskoby, "grandmother of the Russian revolution," arrived here today after being an exile of a quarter of a century in Siberia.

### WASHINGTONIANS IN NET.

The Department of Justice is considering the final details of handling a large number of persons who will be arrested as soon as a definite break with Germany makes such action necessary. Scores of arrests will be made in Washington.

War Department plans call for a heavy guard for the Washington Steel and Ordnance plant, which is now making shells under a \$200,000 contract with the Navy Department.

### Guards for Navy Yard.

Guards will also be doubled about the navy yard, where the great fourteen and sixteen-inch guns for the fleet are under construction. It is possible that the Navy Department will use navy militiamen or marines for this purpose.

Orders callings out the District national guards would come from Secretary of War Baker, acting for the President. The national guard of the District is directly under the orders of the President, as that of the States is under the direction of the Governor.

Washington, according to Secret Service agents, has been the center of German spy operations during the last two years, and it is expected that arrests would begin here and virtually radiate in all directions.

### Many Suspects Watched.

Many suspects are being watched by Government Secret Service men and a complete list of all individuals known-to have any connection, directly or indirectly, with German intrigues and machinations against the United States, has been compiled in anticipation of the crisis.

Detailed plans for the establishment of an internment camp far removed from the Atlantic coast have been made by military branches of the Administration. The utmost secrecy has been thrown about this phase of preparedness activities.

Starting disclosures of the grip Germany had on this country before real investigations began under the direction of William J. Flynn, chief of the Secret Service, and A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, will follow a declaration of war and the arrest and internment of German spies and agents.

Naturalized citizens employed in departments of the Government, some of them having held posts of trust and importance, will be included in those who are interned.

### Prominent Men Involved.

Prominent business men in the National Capital and elsewhere throughout the country, including prominent Germans in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, San Francisco, and New Orleans, are also listed among the suspects facing possible arrest, there being evidence of both moral and financial aid contributed by them for pro-German purposes.

Already many Government employees have been removed as a result of proof submitted by Secret Service men that they were involved in German propaganda or were German "sympathizers," even to a degree not suggesting criminality.

Several were at the head or near the head of divisions handling Government secrets or information that would be valuable to a foreign power engaged in war with the United States.

A watch is still being maintained over other employees suspected of having pro-German sympathies or inclinations. The endeavor of the Administration, however, is to purge the service of every pro-German element.

### More Than 1,000 Agents.

Chiefs Flynn and Bielaski are both reticent about the nation-wide operations of their men, who number upward of 1,000, and are working with assistants in every section of the